GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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RE- CLASSIFICATION OF STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering re-classification of States including Orissa for provision of security related expenses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis on which the Government provides assistance at present; and

(d) the time by which the new classification of States would come into effect?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) and (b) : A proposal to revise the Scheme for Modernization of the State Police Forces is under consideration of the Government providing for, inter-alia, re-classification of States, including Orissa, for giving Central assistance under this Scheme.

(c) : At the inception of the Scheme, the inter State allocation of funds was fixed on the basis of certain criteria such as (i) population of the State (ii) strength of police (iii) number of police stations and (iv) crime per lakh population and the Scheme was operated on a 50 : 50 cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States. The States have now been grouped into 3 (three) categories on the basis of level of insurgency, militancy, terrorism, including cross-border terrorism being faced by the States with 100%, 75% and 60% Central funding to these three categories under this Scheme. However, funds are also released both on the basis of availability of funds in the annual budget and the utilization reported by the State Governments pertaining to the previous financial years.

(d) : The proposal for revision of the Scheme is under consideration of the Government.